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MEMORANDUM

TO : J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

DATE: July 8, 1964

FROM : Richard H. Mosk

Mr. Slawson requested that I call the FBI and explore the possibility of obtaining a letter indicating that they had examined the items which they have had for cryptographic material such as microdots. The FBI had told me that they, the FBI, did not examine our materials for microdots because this is not one of their specialities, and because they would need the originals of every item. Dr. Tordella said that the FBI, who had the originals, generally check for microdots, and is competent to do so. I was directed to Mr. Griffith in the laboratory, who told me that C. E. 206, p. 40 and C. E. 339, p. 59, 65, indicated the items that had undergone careful examination at the FBI laboratory for cryptographic material. He said that they generally look at everything to see whether it should undergo further examination in the laboratory, but he did not wish to give us a letter to this effect.

Mr. Slawson feels that we should have some type of letter reflecting the fact that the FBI was at least aware of the possible cryptographic significance of these items but found none. This is particularly important in view of the fact that Oswald mentioned microdots in his address book.

I told Mr. Griffith that I would relay his feelings upwards. Mr. Slawson directed me to write you this memorandum.